

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-3 (canceled).

4. (Currently amended): A method of molding and tentatively retaining, comprising the steps of:

forming a plurality of cavities between a fixed mold and a plurality of movable molds provided in such a manner as to be relatively movable with respect to said fixed mold;

charging a molding material into said cavities through runners respectively provided for said cavities;

molding a plurality of kinds of independent parts of different shapes in said cavities;

moving relatively said at least one movable mold with respect to said another movable mold by a predetermined amount greater than an amount of movement necessary for tentatively retaining at least one of said parts to said other part, and

stopping said movable mold at a moved position until a predetermined time elapses,

wherein said moving by said predetermined amount is in the same direction as said movement necessary for tentatively retaining at least one of said parts to said other part.

5. (Original): A method of molding and tentatively retaining, according to the claim 4, wherein said predetermined amount of movement is set in such a manner that said at least one part is pressed against another part.

6.(Original): A method of molding and tentatively retaining, according to the claim 4, wherein said predetermined time is set in such a manner that resiliency of said parts becomes stabilized.